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REMARKS

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1. On 10 June 1957, the Putitz Kaserne on Lemmer Strasse, Rostock (N 15/0 01) quartered about 1,500 troops who wore red-bordered black epauletts, most of them with artillery insignia. The installation was occupied to capacity. About 500 unarmed troops were engaged in drill in the barracks yard and 300 other troops practiced aiming with hand grenades. About 200 soldiers rested in front of a garage. Nine soldiers wearing red-bordered black epauletts with artillery insignia and carrying signal equipment and a range finder, marched into the installation from the restricted area 1,500 meters southwest of the barracks installation. Ten guns of about 17-mm caliber and covered with canvas stood in the barracks yard. A wooden structure, apparently a new shed, about 100 meters long, 20 meters wide and 3 meters high, was built along the fence on the west side of the installation.

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2. On 10 June, the barracks installation on Ulmenstrasse was occupied to capacity by a naval unit and another unit of about 400 troops who wore red-bordered black epauletts with artillery insignia. No training activity or heavy weapons were observed. A large tent, about 50 meters long, 15 meters wide and 3 meters high, was erected on the east side of the barracks yard. The construction work on the annex buildings was continued. Truck [redacted] came from the Putitz Kaserne, entered the installation. (1)
3. On 10 June, a restricted area of about 500 x 600 meters and surrounded by a barbed fence 2.5-meter high was observed 1,500 meters southwest of the Putitz Kaserne about 50 meters south of the road to Gross-Schless. The flat roofs of two sheds of 50 x 12 x 15 meters projected over the fence. [redacted] the restricted area was not used to quarter troops. Truck [redacted] stood at the gate. (2)
4. Between 1 and 6 June, the Putitz Kaserne on Lemmer Strasse was occupied by about 1,500 troops. From 12 to 15 x 76.2-mm AT guns and 60 guns of a heavier caliber were seen in the billeting areas. Four armored half truck vehicles each towed a 76-mm AT gun. One half truck vehicle mounted a machine gun, a second a 20-mm gun and the two others a 17-mm AT gun each. The troops in groups of 30 to 40 men practiced with 76.2-mm AT guns and were engaged in cleaning the guns.

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5. During the period from 4 to 6 June, the barracks installation on Ulmanstrasse was occupied by about 800 men. Some wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia and some antitank artillery insignia. A naval unit of about 400 troops was also quartered there. Fifteen 76.2-mm guns stood in the barracks yard on 4 June.

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6. After 31 May 1952, the labor office (Labor office) was occupied by soldiers who wore artillery, tank, engineer or signal insignia. Forty men of various branches of service marched from the labor office to the barracks installation on Ulmanstrasse on 4 June. (3)

7. On 6 June, the Futlitz Kaserne on Alexander Strasse quartered troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including some with black-bordered crimson epaulets. Truck [] entered the installation.

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8. On 6 June, the barracks installation on Ulmanstrasse was occupied to capacity by an army unit of soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets and an equal number of naval personnel. Truck [] entered the installation. (1)

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9. During the period from 25 May to 7 June, the former Flugplatz-Kaserne in Rostock-Markgrafenheide which quartered laborers. No troops were noticed there. The laborers had not been informed regarding a vacation. According to a rumor, Soviet troops were quartered in camps in the woods of the so-called Rostock Heath. (4)

10. On 26 May, 10 x 85-mm AT guns and about 20 x 100-mm AT guns were seen in the Futlitz Kaserne on Alexander Strasse.

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11. On 26 May, about 400 men organized in three blocks fell in at the barracks installation on Ulmanstrasse. Twenty AT guns and 30 trucks were lined up there. Three tents of 6 x 2.5 meters and two field kitchens were seen in the northern part of the dispersing area. Trucks [] each towing a 100-mm AT gun, entered the installation.

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12. On 25 May, three half track recovery transport carriers, each towing a 100-mm AT gun drove along StraBe under Grosse toward the city.

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Comments.

(1) [] the elements of the Corps Army Brig of the LSAK 13. While Corps can be carried in the Futlitz Kaserne and, partly, in the barracks installation on Ulmanstrasse. The strength estimates appear somewhat low. Only [] no information available the strength was not raised about 1,500 troops. The information on the guns, to a large extent, comes from the previous observations, although the Stern

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AT guns are reported from Rostock for the first time. The 20 guns of heavier caliber mentioned in paragraph 4 may be 100-mm AT guns or 122-mm or 152-mm guns. [redacted] it is believed possible that the unit is equipped with 122-mm or 152-mm artillery pieces. As the AT artillery insignia was observed with only about 40 percent of the soldiers of the brigade, the brigade probably is a mixed AT artillery and artillery unit. The 37-mm AA guns [redacted]

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[redacted] indicate the presence of components of the 3d Gds AAA Div in the Puelitz Kaserne, although no information has yet been received that units of this division had been shipped to Rostock.

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- (2) The restricted area is located in Rostock-Gartenstadt. [redacted]

- (3) Possibly a temporary kommandatura or similar agency.

- (4) [redacted] the Flurplatz Kaserne was occupied by 4,000 troops in mid-May 1952. [redacted]

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- (5) [redacted] a firing range is located on Rostock Heath, just west of Hinrichshagen. The range is possibly used for practices by units in Rostock. [redacted]

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[redacted] there is a connection between this firing range and a large parking area which, in early June 1952, was determined in the woods east of Doberan and in which [redacted] the 9th Sig Regt of the Second Gds Mech Army was seen. [redacted]

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